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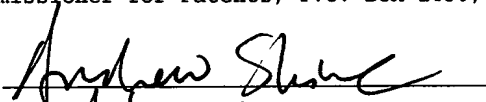
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Application No. : 10/091,143 Confirmation No. : 7997
Filed : March 5, 2002
For : MEDICAL GRAFT CONNECTOR OR PLUG
STRUCTURES AND METHODS OF MAKING AND
INSTALLING SAME
Group Art Unit : 3731
Examiner : Julian W. Woo

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [] a Preliminary Amendment;
[X] a Reply to Office Action; [] a Supplemental Amendment;
[] a substitute Specification; [] a Supplemental
Information Disclosure Statement; to be filed in the above-
identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEES
Total Claims	134	152*	0	X \$ 50 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	7**	0	X \$200 =	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360 =	\$ 0.00
* If less than 20, insert 20. ** If less than 3, insert 3.				TOTAL	\$ 0.00

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.

☐ Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified patent application, copies of the documents cited therein and Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate). This Statement is being submitted more than three months from the application filing date, but before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

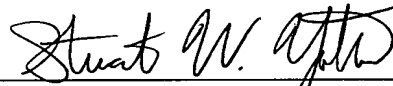
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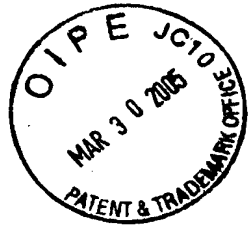
EXTENSION FEE

- [] The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [] \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); \$2,160.00 within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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Respectfully submitted,



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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed
December 30, 2004, please amend the above-referenced
patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the
listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.